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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MOLDING BEAD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of August 12, 2003.

Applicants, by their undersigned representative, hereby elect the invention of Species I in Group I, which is drawn to a bead molding method and corresponds to claims 1, 3-6 and 12-16.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected invention is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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